

August 13, 1989

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6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

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Again, thanks for spending some time with me and we look forward to your communication.

Sincerely,



Fred L. Lake

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 16, 1989

Mr. Fred Lake
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Dear Mr. Lake:

You submitted to us for an opinion as to authenticity an oval shaped thick paper piece having a printed text similar to that of the 1722 Massachusetts Bay 2 pence note. It was removed from a glass frame and you stated that it had been in the family of the owner for generations. It was folded over slightly at the right side and I straightened that out with your permission. It is dark and discolored. It has shrunk and its printed lines are not parallel or even, due to paper warp.

The text reads 2d/ TWO Pence/ Province of/ the Massachu/setts, June 1722 and has no horizontal line between any part of the text letters. It contains no rectangular enclosure lines which normally would also show on some unprinted areas.

The genuine pieces are rectangular in shape and have an ornamental border outside a lined box as well as a line under the written denomination. The primary question is whether the submitted piece could be a part of a genuine 2d note.

There are many differences between the submitted piece and the genuine pieces. The d in 2d is to the right of the top of n below, whereas in the submitted piece it is left of the n. The J of June has a vertical upright and the J of the submitted piece slants. The genuine piece uses much larger type for June than the submitted piece. The last line of the text begins directly under the line above in the genuine but in the submitted piece it is to the right. The letter O in TWO is from an entirely different type font from that O in the submitted piece.

There are a number of later copies of the 1722 notes, prepared for pamphlets and for books. The Massachusetts Act published the form for the bill in 1722. Subsequent republication of the Act continued it. That form was different from the genuine and had no surrounding ornaments. Nathaniel Paine published a talk he gave in 1866 and illustrated the 2d on p.28 with a line engraving. He also copied the Act illustrations on p.30 with another line engraving but they are poor copies (photocopy enclosed). Forgeries were made from Paine's cuts used on his book. Crosby used an illustration of the genuine on p.148 but it has differences being an engraved cut. None of the above match the submitted piece.

I have published photo reproductions of genuine pieces in **Early Paper Money of America**.

There may be other illustrations of the note but the submitted piece seems a direct print from type or from a cut. It certainly is not a part of a regular genuine note. The only possibility is that it is a piece of a circulating counterfeit or a discarded trial print. No counterfeit or die trial is known to exist. Because of its incomplete oval shape and lack of lines and proper type fonts and their positions, it should be considered highly questionable in our opinion.

We will continue to look for other published illustrations with which it might match up. We hope we have been helpful. The submitted piece is returned herewith. We would like any further background the family may have.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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July 6, 1993

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
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Dear Eric,

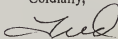
Your letter of June 30, 1993 was most helpful in my research into the origins of Laban Heath's "*American Bond Detector*" with the 1871 designation on the title page.

Per your request for an inventory of the book's contents, I will list the pages as they appear: First, there are two blank free-fly endpapers. Then comes the title page, of which you have a copy. On the verso of that page is the Ordway entry in the District Court of New Hampshire in 1869. The next page is a "Table Of Contents" (blank on the verso). Then follows a "List Of Illustrations" with all twenty-two plates being listed (again a blank verso). An "Introduction" of two pages follows. Pages 5 through 20 are entitled "Government Securities". Pages 21 and 22 are entitled "Process of Engraving and Printing Bonds, Bank Notes, &c.". Pages 23 through 26 are entitled "Art of Detecting Counterfeits, with Rules for General Guidance". Pages 27 through 36 are entitled "A Description of the Bonds illustrated in this Work". An un-numbered page 37 is headed "Regulation for the Conversion and Transfer of Bonds at the United States Treasury Department".

The twenty-two bond impressions follow. There are five in green and black, 15 in all black, one in red and black and one in all red.

I will have both volumes with me in Baltimore and will be most appreciative if you will examine them.

Cordially,



Fred L. Lake

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September 26, 1993

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric,

I am enclosing copies of two pages from Charlie Davis' book on American Numismatic Literature that show some of John Dye's works and when they last sold and who sold them.

Are any of these works of interest to you?

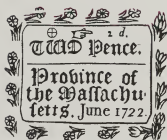
As I mentioned in my last letter, I will keep an eye out for the "Government Blue Book".

Best Regards,



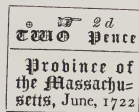
Fred L. Lake

Paine p. 28
made in 1866



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Paine p 30



Copied from
1722 Acts of Mass. Bay
prepared in 1866

Nathaniel Paine

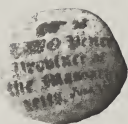
"Remarks on the Early Paper Currency of Massachusetts"

(Cambridge 1866)

Talk delivered before Amer. Antig. Soc. at Worcester.









Fred L. Lake

October 2, 1996

Dear Fred:

I see in your October 28, 1996 sale number G14 the second printing of the first edition of the Red Book which I can use.

I have really nice duplicates of the second, third, fourth and 5th editions. On your values this should make a good exchange for you. Can you somehow arrange to make the exchange.

I'll send you my four items promptly if you want to see them first. The fifth edition is really nice.

My best,

Eric P. Newman

Fred Lake

November 1, 1996

Dear Fred:

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 9th, & 10th editions of the Red Book are on their way. Give me a credit on the second printing of the 1st edition and I'll send you a check.

I am sorry I caused a problem but I am just too busy to keep up with everything.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

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November 25, 1998

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric,

Although you were not successful in acquiring any lots in our current mail-bid sale of numismatic literature, I would like to express my appreciation for your participation and support.

The bidding in this sale was active in many areas and reflects the growing emphasis on building a fine numismatic library for reference and enjoyment.

As you know, Eric, our sales are held on a regular basis and you will be receiving our next catalog in about two months. I hope that you will find more items of interest and continue your support at that time.

Please let me know if you have any questions relating to this sale or numismatic literature in general.

Cordially,



Fred L. Lake

Eric - I have enclosed a xerox of lot C 49. Hope this helps.

*DOES \$7.00 SOUND FAIR ENOUGH FOR MY COST OF COPYING
& POSTAGE?*





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Dear Eric:

Am enclosing two copies of state of Connecticut. One showing the water-mark indicated in red. As you do not have this one listed, thought I would forward to you for your file and future reference.

The note grades VF or better

Would appreciate some information, value etc.

I am a Charter member of Lakeland Coin Club. also member of SPNC + FUN.

With very best wishes, Dan,

Sincerely
Scott Thompson
3905 Friendship Blvd
Lakeland, Fla. 33801

P.S. You may write to either address.

NEW NOTES ISSUED

L. D. B.

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No. 707

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Treasury-Office, February 1, 1789.

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT doth owe, and hereby acknowledge the Receipt of *Twentyone pounds Eight Shells* Lawful Money, from *Joseph Coles* of *Hartford* which they promise to pay to the said *Joseph Coles* or Order, in Spanish Milled Dollars, at the Rate of Six Shillings each, or other Gold or Silver, at the Rate of Six Shillings each, with the Interest at Six per Cent. per Annum, which Interest shall be annually paid, in Gold and Silver, in pursuance of, and agreeably to the Act of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, held at *Hartford*, on the second day of May, 1789.

Joseph Coles

Treasurer.

HARTFORD: PRINTED BY HUDSON AND GOSNOLD.

WATER MARKED PAPER INDICATED IN Red

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Joseph Coles
Treasurer.

HARTFORD: PRINTED BY HUDSON AND GORHAM.

Christine Lamar
[REDACTED]

February 24, 2000

Dear Ms. Lamar:

The Rhode Island broadside of the Declaration of Independence which you refer to in your February 18, 2000 communication through the MIT development office still remains in my personal collection.

I am wondering why you ask? Is there any new research or activity taking place with respect to items such as this?

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Mr. Greg Lambousy
Director of Collections
Louisiana State Museum
751 Chartres Ave
New Orleans, LA 70116

August 20, 2002

Dear Sir:

My friend, Kenneth Bressett, sent us a copy of your communication to him concerning the original Confederate Half Dollars and suggested that we might respond. We are glad to answer your inquiry as to your exhibition program, etc.

We have owned an original Confederate half dollar for about 60 years. Whether Stacks did or did not sell the example they offered in 1996 we do not know.

In your desire to borrow one for exhibition we believe the expense of mounting and the cost of protection plus the premium for an appropriate insurance policy would be excessively large, thus making that part of the project impractical in our opinion.

If you could locate the Confederate half dollar reverse die (it was slash cancelled) that would be a sensation. It was donated I think to the Louisiana State Museum about 1919 and there was an article on the die in your Quarterly publication around 1921 I remember. We asked about it long ago but we suspect it was stolen or disappeared. We hate to mention this to you because it may be your institution but feel you should know about it if you do not already know.

If I may offer a suggestion, you might consider exhibiting the J. R. Riddell book on the New Orleans Mint and a mint report concerning the New Orleans Mint.

There is a possibility that you could have a high resolution image made of a genuine half dollar as you seem to desire. If you could find a St. Louis digital imager or send one here we would let you do ours. Then the coin would be in our possession continually. You could then furnish us some images and have some made for your exhibit and files in any size. Ours has some wear from circulation as you may know.

Good luck on your project.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Cc: Kenneth E. Bressett

Mr. Greg Lambousy
Louisiana State Museum
614 St. Ann
New Orleans, LA 70116

October 2, 2002

Dear Mr. Lambousy:

Following receipt of your September 19, 2002 letter we checked our extensive files on the Confederate Half Dollar die matter. J. Sanford Saltus in May 1922 gave the coin to the Louisiana Historical Society (rather than the Louisiana State Museum as you point out). The history of the die was written up in the Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Vol.5, No. 4 (October 1922), Baton Rouge 1923, pp. 505-508 (see also pp. 498-499). There was one brass splashing at least struck from it in its damaged condition, but I don't know when.

When Henry Chapman of Philadelphia sold a "restrike" of the coin as Lot 762 of his November 17, 1932 sale he said that Saltus had "presented it to the City Museum in New Orleans". That is what must have distorted my memory about where it was donated as I did not check my extensive files before writing you.

Long ago in an effort to locate the die we and others inquired and I enclose a copy of our unanswered letter of February 12, 1963. Our prior letter of March 20, 1961 to the Society also went unanswered.

As to photographing our piece please advise me if you wish color or black & white; whether you wish film or digital; slides or prints or both and the number and size of any positive or digital prints. I believe it can be well done here for \$200 to \$275 depending on your choices. We will do our best to keep it as low as possible. I will be with the coin at all times during photography. We will wish to own any negatives, disc or CD of the images but we will lend them or it to you gratis at any future time for your use or you can keep a copy for your use.

We hope the foregoing suits your needs.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Mr. Greg Lambousy
Director of Collections
Louisiana State Museum
751 Chartres Ave
New Orleans, LA 70116

October 21, 2002

Dear Mr. Lambousy:

While waiting for your answer to the photography matter I wanted to call your attention to:

1. Riddell had a pamphlet printed in 1845 entitled The Mint at New Orleans. It is extremely rare. One copy is in a library in New Orleans.
2. In Harper's Weekly in March 9, 1867 pp. 152-153 (158 text), there is a picture of the closed New Orleans Mint along with other city views.
3. There is a plan (drawing) of the New Orleans Mint we have in a government publication of about 1838.
4. In Harper's Weekly Feb. 16, 1861, p. 109 is a picture of the New Orleans Mint.
5. In Ballou's Pictorial of September 11, 1858 is a charming picture of the New Orleans Mint with people in the street, horses and a carriage and a flag on the building.

Perhaps you already have these, but I thought I would call them to your attention. I hope this helps.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Cc: Kenneth Bressett

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October 14, 1982

Mr. Eric P. Newman
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Dear Mr. Newman:

Your name has been given to me by Dr. Richard Doty of the American Numismatic Society as a result of my inquiry about the value of the colonial pound in 1780.

Our school is beginning to lay the groundwork for its Bicentennial Celebration in 1986. To this end, I am planning to run a series of excerpts from a history of our school. You will find the first installment on page 10 of our newsletter, Focus on Friends.

The letter to the Two Weeks Meeting in London mentions the salary that is being offered as £200 Currency or £112.10 Sterling. I have been trying to find out some kind of equivalency in terms of our money values today. Was the teacher to be well paid? I realize trades and professions commanded very different kinds of salaries than ours today. Someone suggested that I find our what a loaf of bread cost in 1780. Then, when I spoke to the New York Historical Society, the director told me that bread was made in home and very cheap in comparison with other foods — not a good comparison!

I would be most grateful if you could give me some assistance in arriving at a way of looking at the 1780 teacher salary from today's perspective. If you are agreeable to the idea, I would like to print at least a portion of your reply in our next newsletter.

This year we are not even discussing "plans" for the Bi-Centennial with our parents. Instead, we are hoping to develop their interest in the history of the school -- to get them to "think historically" in terms of Friends Seminary.

Thank you so much for any assistance you can give me.

Sincerely yours,



Elizabeth F. Lammers
Director of Development

cc: Dr. Richard Doty

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

October 25, 1982

Ms. Elizabeth F. Lammers
Friends Seminary
222 East 16th Street
New York, NY 10003

Dear Friend:

I am glad to give you a few thoughts about money conditions in 1781 so as to evaluate a teacher's salary £200 currency or £112 10 shillings sterling.

Money in the United States in the year 1781 was undergoing a complete metamorphosis. The Continental Currency, being the paper money issued by the Continental Congress from 1775 through 1779, and payable in Spanish milled dollars, had just become virtually worthless. All paper money issues of the individual colonies and individual states, including those of New York had ceased to circulate. The credit of the Continental Congress was so poor that Robert Morris as Superintendent of Finance was issuing his own personal notes to pay government obligations. The small amount of Spanish American silver pieces of eight reales (Spanish milled dollars) being specie coinage retained their full value. English sterling coinage in denominations of pounds, shillings and pence was stable in value and varied minutely in the range of 4 shillings 6 pence to the Spanish milled dollar. New York Currency had developed during the colonial period and was only a money of account in 1781 and, although it was calculated in pounds, shillings and pence, it had no relationship to English sterling, except as a foreign exchange. "Currency" as used in the letter meant New York Currency at 8 shillings to the Spanish milled dollar. The teacher's salary was therefore equal to \$125.00 in Spanish milled dollars, which dollars were to become the basis of United States dollars.

Bread at that time cost 1 pence per small loaf (the penny loaf), beef was 4 cents per pound, wheat \$1.04 per bushel, imported wine 70 cents per gallon, butter 7 cents per pound, brown sugar 5 cents per pound, white sugar 22 cents per pound, and worsted broadcloth \$4.00 per yard.

If you need salaries, ask the New York Historical Society for references.

I hope I have been somewhat helpful, but if anything needs further explanation, please feel free to ask. The money systems were very complicated.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

November 2, 1982

Ms. Elizabeth F. Lammers
Friends Seminary
222 East 16th Street
New York, NY 10003

Dear Friend:

Please correct my letter of October 25, 1982. The teacher salary was equivalent to \$500 in Spanish milled dollars instead of \$125 as originally stated. I am glad to correct my error.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Ron Landis
Gallery Mint
[REDACTED]

June 8, 1998

Dear Ron:

I have been away and thus delayed in answering your May 15, 1998 letter.

I have a long standing numismatic colleague in St. Louis who is a chemistry professor at Washington University and who has researched and written substantially on minting in past centuries, particularly on the Royal Mint in the UK. He is Dr. Peter Gaspar and his address is: Dept. of Chemistry, Campus Box 1134, Washington University, St. Louis, MO 63130-4899. You might ask him to help you or even visit you. You might send him a set of your pamphlets. He is familiar with the articles I sent you and is helping me find and check the others. His telephone number is (314) 935-6568.

I presume Larry Lee came to see you after he visited here and that he bought a screw press from you for the Omaha museum.

In one of the articles I sent I hope you can understand the one where the die rotates in the striking process. I do not. Perhaps the writer was twisted.

Thank you for the publications and the half cent reproductions. I look forward to receiving the 1796 half cent without pole. In order to have the half cent matter in better shape I would like a 1796 with pole reproduction with the word "copy" on the obverse. I will return, if you wish, one with the word "copy" on the reverse which you already sent.

Spark erosion copies of your reproductions could cause a mess and is mentioned in a recent publication. Has this happened or not? Casting or electroplating can be done with genuine pieces, but spark erosion destroys the master coin as you may know. Thus misuse of your pieces will always be a problem unless they get so rare the fakers cannot afford to use them.

I hope you are making progress on your not-for-profit institution and look forward to hearing from you at any time.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Mr. Ron Landis

September 16, 1998

Dear Ron:

Congratulations on being selected to be a Sacagawea designer. That will make you squawk for a squaw if you win it.

It doesn't take me long to respond because I just write and you design and build. Your letter of September 9, 1998 was great. The pictures are very clear.

The 1796 no pole half cent was just "too good". It will be put in with the "too bad" part of the collection. Thanks for remembering.

Joe has produced an amazing mechanical device. I have been dreaming about it and cannot sleep as I think he has done in an elaborate way what they did in the 18th century. His two step system was apparently made as a continuing action device.

A vertical fixed pin or two of them can be on the sides of the horizontal slider to stop the forward motion of the tongs. The tongs could then be opened by a further forward movement of the tong separating pusher as you are doing. The tongs stay open during striking and come back in an open position until they clear the struck piece and then join again. A track to control the opening of the tongs can have a butterfly spring clip so the tongs cannot spring together until the slider is substantially retracted. A guide path for the return motion would be necessary on each side. The tongs would have a spring to pull them together.

In order to remove the struck coin from the die the forward movement of the slider can flick the struck coin forward using a spring or two, or a brush or two which are flexible and strong. These would project from the front of the slider and flick the struck coin out of the way. The tongs would be closed when the spring or brush touched the struck coin. The opening of the tongs moves the spring, etc. out of the way of both the striking and the struck coin when the tongs return. This could solve your worry about bending or damaging the front of the slider.

This could be hand operated but that could cause a lack of coordination between the screw press and the feeder, resulting in damage to the feeder. It would be easy to have the back and forth action of the feeder attached by a rocker arm to the press so that the feeder will always be in the right position when the press comes down.

Could Joe or you make a sketch of what I am trying to explain, if I am on th right track. I just want to find the way late 18th century American minters succeeded in so much production. They could not have had complex Boulton machinery because they had no steam powered equipment.

Good luck in all your endeavors,

Eric P. Newman

Ron Landis
Gallery Mint

November 11, 1998

Dear Ron:

Thank you so much for the raw planchet, the milled edge planchet and the struck 1796 cent. They show the enlargement in diameter which I was checking to see if it was sufficient for a ring or partial ring around the die cylinder to push the struck coin off the die in those cases where die cylinder shapes were used.

On page 8 of your September 1998 Gallery Mint Report you point out that a struck coin can also stick to the upper die. Applying that situation to 18th and early 19th century planchet ejecting methods means that both dies must be cleared during ejection.

Since die stems were cylinder on cylinder during some of the period it would have been unsound to have a lower die cylinder on cylinder and an upper die bevelled. Thus I conclude that the ejecting mechanism was used to remove the struck coin from whichever die it was stuck to unless it sprung off on its own. In any case the diameter of the struck coin is larger than either die face and a separately activated ring around each cylinder die can do the first part of the ejecting work.

The mechanism I have considered for ejection of the struck coin would be activated entirely by the rising motion of the upper die assembly after striking. It would first project the ring around each die (one upward, one downward) a slight distance to displace the struck coin from the die. Sometimes the struck coin might be bouncing in between or already fallen into the floor container. Then a sweeper arm (probably rotating horizontally) would pass between the die rings (just above the bottom ring for sure) to knock away the struck coin. Then the rings would retract so as not to interfere with the placement or striking of the next planchet. This would be entirely separate from the planchet feeder. The rings would be spring activated so that they would have a natural position and a displaced position on each die. The tongs of the planchet feeder would not therefore have to have a pusher or sweeper on its front to clear away the struck coin or be delayed by the struck coin removal function. The tongs would have the full time of the ram downstroke to place and release the planchet. I would be very interested in your thinking. As you can see, I am determined to determine how those mechanical geniuses accomplished their objective.

What I need from you now is a raw half cent planchet and a milled or rolled half cent planchet. You already sent the struck 1796 half cent examples, but I would like a 1796 half cent without COPY on the reverse and instead with the obverse so marked if necessary.

As I told you over the telephone there seems to be no record of the size of copper planchets ordered by the U.S. Mint from England as it merely sent samples when orders were given.

Thrive,

Ron Landis
Gallery Mint


November 13, 1998

Dear Ron:

My letter of November 11, 1998 may need more clarification. The rings I refer to may be a circular hole in a plate or a semicircular cut out in the side of a plate (possibly the open collar).

The border of the ring can have different elevations so that only part of the circumference of the ring pushes the coin out of the die.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Ron Landis
Gallery Mint


February 8, 1999

Dear Ron:

The calipers are just what I needed. Thank you.

I favor reciprocal exchanges but when you go out of pocket specifically for me I will feel bad if you are not reimbursed. Please send me the amount to repay.

Craig Sholley thinks I am wrong in my feeder sweeper thinking, but he is basing it on 1819 machinery and I am working on 1799 plus or minus machinery. Boulton's influence must have changed everything in that interval. According to Sholley evidence of flat edges did not appear until 1816 so the close collar die was apparently not used before that in the US.

I look forward to your drawings,

I am seeking further early articles in the Encyclopedia as I do not feel I have seen all of them.

Thanks again,

Eric P. Newman

Mr. Ron Landis

April 6, 1999

Dear Ron:

In my enthusiasm to find out what the planchet feeding mechanism and the open collar equipment was in the period at the U.S. Mint prior to 1828 I have shared with you my previous findings. I telephoned you to tell you that I wanted to bring you up to date and would send you more material to indicate how confusing and contradictory what has been written seems to be.

A situation now appears to propose that a loose fitting solid thin collar can center a planchet, can gently control expansion, can eject the struck coin, etc. I will be interested in your comments.

The Breen Encyclopedia of 1988 includes a glossary describing "layer on", "collar die", "open collar" and "close collar". These texts are enclosed. Please note that the open collar is described as a thin plate with a perforation a little larger than the finished coin, etc. As I think about this I find it is impossible to set a blank properly with such a part.

Please give me your view. On page 305 Breen describes the open collar vaguely.

Those who seem to derive data from Breen give me further difficulty. Hodder in 1992 (three enclosed portions) involves planchets larger than dies being struck using an open collar, a segmented open collar and a prevention of spreading by using an open collar. More confusion.

R. W. Julian in 1999 describes the open collar as loosely centering the planchet. In 1999 Victoria Stone of Coin World copies what Hodder wrote. These are enclosed. Repeating past writing makes it worse.

My own collar is open and my brain is off center trying to make logic out of all the above. I cannot believe what I read is sound. Help.

My best,

Eric P. Newman

P.S. Now the exciting part. I enclose an article on feed fingers published on October 8, 1986 in Coin World, p. 84. This is a major clue to what the open collar may have been in the early period. It is simple, accurate and makes ejecting easy and can be used without a close collar or a collar die.

P.P.S. Thank you for the replicas which are too beautiful but will find a happy home in our repro. collection.

To: Ron Landis
Gallery Mint
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

January 6, 2000

From: Eric P. Newman

Last year I asked you for two samples of your 1804 Dollar reproductions, one with COPY stamped on the obverse, one with COPY stamped on the reverse. Nothing happened!

Now I call to your attention a republication of my most recent 1804 dollar article in COINAGE magazine for February 2000.

Please read it carefully as it is different from the hype used in selling the coin. I have my principles as you know.

Have a highly successful new year and your advertising indicates you are quite a promoter.

Your steam press souvenir medal for the Philadelphia convention will add to your fame.

Best to Joe and thrive.

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27 May 1983

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

The Art of Office Buildings: Sullivan's Wainwright & the St. Louis Real Estate Boom appeared in 1972. Written by John D. Randall it was available from Ford Printing, Inc., 418 North Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702 for \$18.00. You might call the St. Louis AIA first.

I enjoyed our conversation last night and hope that we have the opportunity to continue our discussion.

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Best regards,

Carolyn Toft

Carolyn Hewes Toft

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Danny Lane:

9/16/83

Thank you for the macerated
card. I will find a nice
place in my Money collection.
Enclosed is the \$2⁰⁰ requested.

I will look for things of
interest to you and let
you know what I find.

Thanks for being a
bel-on-collector.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

P.O. Box 14020

St Louis, Mo

63178

FROM THE DESK OF ERIC P. NEWMAN

BRIDESTREAM HOUSE,
KILCOCK,
CO. KILDARE,
IRELAND.

287261

J. P. Newman Esq.,
6450, Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis,
MISSOURI 65105
U. S. A.

SM/C

8th March, 1973.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Having obtained your address from the British Numismatic Journal I venture to write to you on the strength of the very interesting paper you read at the Numismatic Congress at Copenhagen in 1968 on the subject of fakes, and which impressed me very much.

Faked numismatic material has proliferated to a tremendous extent in recent years and a number of experts in the Irish series have decided to form a non-profit making committee to combat forgery in the Irish series, particularly the scarce early issues. The panel of experts is to be known as the COMMITTEE FOR AUTHENTICATION OF IRISH COINS and would perform much the same function as the A. N. A. Certification expert, that it would only be concerned with the coins of Ireland.

Service

The committee is to consist of:-

- R. H. P. Dolley, Queens University, BELFAST.
- W. A. Seaby, Ulster Museum, BELFAST.
- Patrick Finn, Spinks & Son Ltd., LONDON.
- S. N. Lane, Nummus Ltd., DUBLIN.

The committee are not very worried about cast forgeries or indeed die-struck forgeries made by orthodox methods. What frightens me, however, is the thought that someone might use the spark-erosion technique in forging Irish hammered coins. I would therefore, welcome any information you could supply on the detection of forgeries, with special reference to the spark-erosion technique.

I know that this information might be regarded as rather "hot"

.....don't need...

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BRIDESTREAM HOUSE,
KILCOCK,
CO. KILDARE,
IRELAND.

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but a check with Patrick Finn of Synops at London or W. A. Seaby of the Ulster Museum, Belfast will establish my bona-fides.

It is my intention to attend the 1975 Numismatic Congress at New York and Washington in early September next and trust that I may have the pleasure of meeting with you there.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart

Stuart F. Lane.

BRIDESTREAM HOUSE,
KILCOCK,
CO. KILDARE,
IRELAND.

10:10 April, 1973.

Eric P. Newman Esq
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society,
6450, Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis 5,
Missouri,
United States.

ENL/CP

Dear Mr. Newman,

Very many thanks for your most helpful letter of the 12th March which I have been considering and also your enclosed paper, a photo-copy of which, I have sent to Mr. Seaby of Ulster Museum, Belfast. Naturally, I am very grateful that your co-operation is available and I look forward to meeting you at the forth-coming Congress in September.

You ask me why I am not worried about die-struck forgeries made by orthodox methods. I had better explain by "orthodox methods" I really mean hand-cut dies.

The members of our Committee who are all specialists of many years standing in the Irish series are in a particularly strong position to recognise false coins by "feel" alone. As the series is not very large we already know most of the dies and can recognise them, even the characteristics of the individual irons with which they were punched in. When you have handled large quantities of the same sort of coins it is amazing how a wrong one sticks out. We have all met numbers of hand-cut die forgeries and as a rule they are not difficult to detect.

However, to counter what, I imagine it would be possible for an unscrupulous person to make an exact copy, by some means, of the individual irons which compose the dies and use them to punch out a new die. This, I feel would be dangerous and undetectable without detailed analysis of the suspect coin.

I will certainly follow up your suggestion of writing to Germany and trying to obtain copies of the Dr. Schmidt forgeries. I think we can best do this through our contacts with the German Museum Collections.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart J. Lane
Stuart J. Lane.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

14 March, 1973

Mr. Stuart N. Lane
Bridestream House,
Kilcock,
Co. Kildare,
Ireland

Dear Mr. Lane:

Your nice letter of 8 March, 1973 is at hand and I was so pleased that what I had to say in Copenhagen made an impression on you. I will be glad to see you and discuss the matter with you in September at the International Numismatic Congress.

Please give my kindest regards to Michael Dolley and William Seaby, with whom I have done some numismatic work in the past. When I last visited Belfast I saw both of them.

Fundamentally, my cooperation is available for any good cause and I only wish that your committee would broaden its work to cover other than pieces from Ireland. I assist the American Numismatic Association Certification Service which is not limited to American pieces.

I am enclosing a printed copy of my talk which may be helpful to you. It was published in The Numismatist here.

I want to apologize for the talk because I did not go into the spark erosion technique with full detail. What is even more embarrassing is that I deliberately omitted another method of forgery of which I was fully aware and which I consider much more deadly than spark erosion.

I suggest you do two things:

1. Tell me why you are not worried about die struck forgeries made by orthodox methods. Perhaps I donot understand what you mean by "orthodox methods". Please explain that to me.
2. You must write to German dealers and get copies of the Dr. Schmidt forgeries and learn from them who testified against Dr. Schmidt at the trial and what studies were made by them in connection with the coins Dr. Schmidt forged. I have a South African piece made by Dr. Schmidt and I defy you to tell me what is wrogg with it. All of Dr. Schmidt's work was spark erosion die making. The dies were used to strike the coin.

As you point out, this is a hot subject which has been buried in America and elsewhere and is a disgrace to numismatics.

Please let me hear from you and I hope this preliminary correspondence is of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 19, 1968

Mr. William D. Lane
77 Franklin Street
Boston, Mass. 02110

Dear Bill:

The copy of the Declaration of Independence which we have available is the Rhode Island printing of July 13, 1776 signed by Henry Ward, Secretary of the General Assembly of Rhode Island, and signed on the back "For the Town Clerk, Warwick". It is known as a contemporary broadside of the Declaration of Independence.

This is an official Rhode Island edition, of which seven specimens are known, at least five of which are in museums, namely, Library of Congress, Harvard, John Carter Brown Library, Rhode Island Historical Society and Wisconsin Historical Society.

This could be a spectacular attraction in the opening of your shopping center and you would obtain a substantial amount of newspaper publicity by virtue of it. If you use the name INDEPENDENCE MALL, you could make a reproduction of the item for the shopping center.

Let us know if you have a substantial interest in using it.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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77 Franklin Street · Boston, Mass. 02110 · Telephone (617) 542-6360

March 21, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Re: Warwick, Rhode Island

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your kind offering.

I am taking the matter up with my associates and will
be in touch with you very shortly.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Brie

William D. Lane


WDL/hmp

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

October 16, 2012

Mr. David Lange



Dear Dave:

In your e-mail of October 12, 2012 you suggested that I keep looking for Beistle holders which I presume do not carry any mention of the name Beistle.

I presume that the Raymond holders did carry the name Raymond and are the only ones that Raymond issued. It has been very helpful to me to realize that some holders do not have any name on them at all.

As I told you, I have not tackled a large quantity of the small holders which contain foreign coins and some American coins. Hopefully I will get to that as soon as I get out from under my pile of other requests.

As to my revised description of the leather paper money holders, you are free to use that in anything you write if you wish because I presume it is a unique situation and that possibly the first individual paper money holders that existed. There are also some large plastic sheets which I acquired from the Green Estate and hold four notes per holder. I am not sure if others had acquired those. None of the four note plastic sheets have had to be replaced and many of them have thin quarter inch black tape on three sides and double sticky quarter of inch black tape on the fourth side which opens.

I plan to take a look again at the large size plastic holders when I go to the bank safe deposit where these are holding numismatic content.

I remember that I acquired separately a bunch of four panel notes from Wisconsin and Minnesota in these plastic sheets, but again don't remember when. I also bought a number of four note sheets from some fellow who sold sheets as a specialty, and I don't know how long ago that may have been. Perhaps I can clear up these matters unless we don't want to spend any time on paper money holders.

I am wondering if it is possible that your name was formerly Langsdorf. The name Langsdorf was the name of the Captain of the Graf Spee who committed suicide when his ship was sunk when we were on our honeymoon in 1940. We went to his funeral in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman, Pres.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 29, 1977

Mr. Frederick Langenberg
T. E. Campbell, Inc.
Buder Building
St. Louis, MO 63101

Dear Fred:

I have been unable to find any customer who would pay a premium for the notes which you turned over to me. Under these circumstances I am sending you a check for \$2,840 for those which I took, but will be glad to return any of them if you had any desire other than to turn them in. I am also returning your listing sheets.

I did enjoy meeting you and talking to you and hope that the next time your discoveries are more exciting.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 21, 1975

Mr. Thomas Langman
[REDACTED]

Dear Tom:

In honor of the arrival of Nicholas W. Langman, I am pleased to enclose United States Silver Certificate No. A00040225A, Series 1935, \$1 signed by Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury. This will provide the following advantages for Nicholas. He will have an item signed by his great great uncle. He may emulate the hatchet morals of George Washington, he will be entitled to \$1 in silver which the government will no longer pay him and he will have an all-seeing eye as shown on the seal on the back. He will never be broke as long as he has this \$1. May everything in this life be clean and crisp and last as long as this money. Since the paper from which this money is made is pure rags, it is entirely possible it was made from the diapers of some other baby.

My best wishes to you and your wife.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

11/25/75

Dear Eric,

Thank you so much for sending the silver certificate signed by Henry "the Monque", as he was sometimes called. We loved your note and intend to keep it for Nick together with the Certificate which I am sure he will always treasure.

As a small token of our appreciation, I am enclosing a check to the order of your Education Society. I sincerely hope that it reasonably relates to the value of the Certificate.

Please give us a call when and you plan to be in Washington. It would be fun to see you again. Nick would like the opportunity to thank you in person for your generosity.

With gratitude from all
three of us,

Sincerely,

Tom

December 2, 1975

Dear Tom,

Thank you so much for the unnecessary donation. It will go toward books.

I found a \$1 specially counterstamped note which was prepared in case the Japs overran Hawaii. All of the regular money was withdrawn and the counterstamped money substituted. It would have been demonetized if the Japs took Hawaii. It wasn't. Since it bears the "Morgue's" signature I want you to add it to the memorabilia.

Cheers,

Mr. Thomas L. Langman
1705 Hoban Road, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

January 23, 1991

Mr. Arthur C. Matz

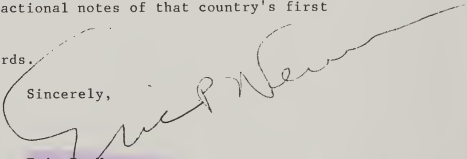

Dear Mr. Matz:

Your nice letter of January 9, 1991 encouraged me to join LANSA even though I do very little in the Latin-American field.

However, the 50 cent note of Columbia which was illustrated in the Bank Note Reporter was apparently unknown and I had a difficult time determining what it was. Would you be able to tell me or find out for me whether it is an official issue of Columbia or of a bank and who the president might be. Was he president of Columbia or of a bank? This information might applicable to all of the fractional notes of that country's first issue. I will be grateful.

Ruth Hill sends you her best regards.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

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Arthur C. Matz

January 26, 1991

Dear Mrs. Newman,

As pleasure welcoming you as a member of Lansa. I hope that your membership, and Mrs. Hill's prodding, will help get you deeper into Latin America collecting.

I'll check on the 50 cent note in Colombia. I'm certain that I'll be able to get you more information. See the inclosed, xeroxed from the Colombia catalog by Yasha Berezhner. Interesting - a good lead for now.

Best regards,

Sincerely,
Arthur Matz

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
c/o Edison Brothers Shoe Stores, Inc.
400 Broadway
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thanks for lending me this valuable and informative book.

I am returning it by special messenger.

Sincerely,

July 21, 1972

Kurt Landberg

INVOICE

LANDER BOOKBINDING CORP.

21 SOUTH NINTH STREET

ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

INVOICE No.

9352

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

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ERIC P. NEWMAN
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September 22, 1972

Mr. George Lang
George Lang Consultants
Essex House
160 East Central Park South
New York, New York

Dear George:

Thank you, very much, for arranging for the lovely luncheon and for the opportunity of working with such sincere and devoted historians. Your fascinating adventures continue to amaze me.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103

December 20, 1983

Mr. Roy T. Langenberg
Langenberg Hat Factory
Marthasville, MO 63357

Dear Mr. Langenberg:

William Fordyce suggested that you might know something or know someone else who knows something about the piece of money issued in Marthasville in 1818, a photocopy of the front and back of which I am enclosing. There is no other Marthasville listed in any Gazetteer except the listing in Missouri. I would like to know if you can give me any information about this note. I would be very appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

Tommy hangman



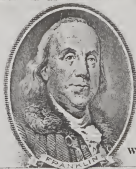
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Secretary of the Treasury

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ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

1934 \$100 FR 2152
27465 CPP \$ 225

THOMAS L. LANGMAN

12/06/02

Dear Eric:

Please find enclosed my check to Scotsman's Coin for \$175.00 & a copy of the letter which I intend to frame with the \$100 bill.

I very much appreciate your finding the bill for me at a reasonable price and assure you that it will remain uncirculated.

Please let me know if you ever get to Wash. D.C. as I'd enjoy seeing you & Evelyn again. Do you ever get to Martha's Vineyard & I'm often there during the summer.

Many thanks again for your help.

Best Regards,
Tom

HENRY MORGENTHAU
1133 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

My dear Tommy!

I want to give you
a welcome present to this
mundane sphere-

You look very good to
me & if you carry out the
promises we all are making
for you - you will be heard
from - Just hurry along so
that I can be around & see
you take the first few steps
on the ladder of success -

Best love to you & your parents
Great Grandpa
& Great Grandma

HENRY MORGENTHAU
1133 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

December 6, 1938

My dear Tommy:

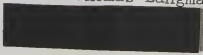
As you and Peter are such nice young fellows, I have made up my mind that I will treat you as I did my grandchildren, and send you a hundred dollars for each of your birthdays, so you had just better pray that I live a long time.

I hope to see you tomorrow.

Yours lovingly,

Great how you

Master Thomas Langman





WASHINGTON OFFICE

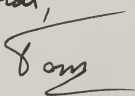
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1707 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
202-223-6694

2/29/84

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for sending me the U.S. Mint
brochure on medals. I went over to the Treasury &
purchased a couple of medals of Uncle Henry
& some of the N.Y.C. Customhouse.

I hope all of you are well. Please
call in if you should get to Wash. for any
reason.

Best Regards,


TOM LANGMAN

JAMES G. JOHNSON
Coin World
Sidney, Ohio 45365

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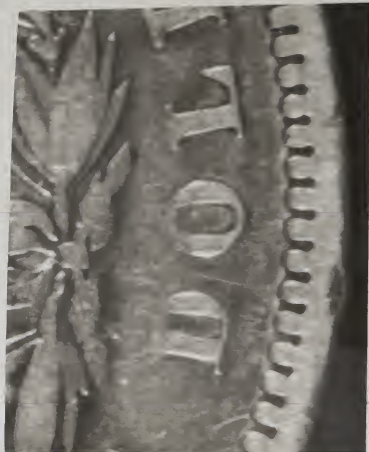
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Dear Eric:

Would you be good enough to read the enclosed correspondence, and let me know if you would examine the coin? To save time, you might well write the owner, Mr. Lanning, if you wish, but I would like to know what you will do. Coming from a Mint bag guarantees nothing, but it does make it different from the ordinary "finds"!

Regards,

Jim Johnson





LANNING CHEVROLET COMPANY

P. O. BOX 909

TELEPHONE AT 6-3347-48

CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI 38834

June 11, 1971

The Editor
Collector's Clearinghouse
Coin World
Box 150
Sidney Ohio, 45365

Dear Sir:

For the past two weeks June 9th and June 16th you have had pictures and write-ups on so-called fake 1895 Silver Dollars. Both have had the tops of one or more of the letters in DOL missing or weak, with mint marks supposedly removed above these letters.

I got one of these dollars from a mint sealed bag direct from the treasury that was sealed and tagged many years ago (an original mint sealed bag). This dollar grades VF and has the top of the letter "D" almost gone.

After studying this oddity for the past 4 or 5 years, I am convinced that many of the Proof 1895 dollars were put in circulation and these are the ones that show up in circulated condition with strong strikes in all letters. A few 1895 dollars were minted for general circulation and these are the ones that have weak strikes in the word DOLLARS with the tops of the DOL seemingly missing or buffed. My study has shown that these are genuine 1895P or 1895S (with mint punch mark stopped up and never appearing on the dollar). I am convinced that these have not been tampered with by anyone before they were bagged by the mint years ago.

Please withhold my name for security reasons.

Very truly yours,

G. R. LANNING, JR.

GRLJR/d



LANNING CHEVROLET COMPANY

P. O. BOX 909

TELEPHONE AT 6-3347-48

CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI 38834

June 24, 1971

Mr. James G. Johnson
Coin World
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Mr. Johnson,

In reply to your card to me of June 14, 1971, about the 1895 dollar, I am enclosing 4 pictures of the coin with two pictures of the key parts enlarged. You will note that the "DO" in Dollars are weak at the top as I mentioned in my previous letter. Since this coin has been stored in the treasury of the U.S. since about 1915, I believe this is a characteristic of this strike. Incidentally, I have a 1921 Morgan Dollar with no "DO" at all in Dollars, so these crazy things can happen.

Please return these pictures to me when you are finished with them.

Thank you again for your interest.

Very truly yours,

G. R. Lanning, Jr.
G. R. LANNING, JR.



LANNING CHEVROLET COMPANY

P. O. BOX 909

TELEPHONE AT 6-3347-48

CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI 38834

July 3, 1971

Mr. James G. Johnson
Coin World
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Mr. Johnson,

In reply to your letter of June 29th about the 1895 dollar, here's about all I know about it. Six coin collectors here in Corinth ordered 6 bags of dollars from our local bank (I was one of the six). This bank sent the \$6,000 silver certificates to the Treasury for 6 bags of dollars to be shipped express (railway). This was just prior to the Silver Dollar Rush of 1964 that depleted the U. S. Treasury of just about their entire stock.

Our dollars finally arrived and each of us picked up one bag each. My bag was sealed and upon opening it at home, I found the contents extremely dirty.....all dollars appeared to be covered with black silver dust. The other bags I had ordered were cleaner and many coins were shiny and uncirculated. This particular bag, however, had no shiny coins in it. At first glance I noticed about 4 1921 Peace dollars on top. This excited me, and I figured I had a good bag.

All dollars in this bag were circulated and dirty. The years ranged from 1890 to 1926. I had what amounted to a "late year bag". There were many key coins from the year range span, but none of them extremely valuable. I did get almost a whole roll of 1921 Peace Dollars (I thought this was very unusual), and perhaps some of the coins were uncirculated, but since these were so dirty I did not class them as such.

The 1895 dollar was about half way down in the bag and extremely dirty. I could read the 1895 but the coin was too dirty to see the mint mark or lack of the mint mark. All I did was wash the coin in soap and water which removed most of the silver dust. As you can see from the photograph the coin has not been cleaned and has a dark streak running on one side of it.

I don't remember the other coins that were in the bag, but half were Morgan from 1890 up and the other half were Peace up to 1926. I think I had only about 5 Carson City Dollars in this bag, these being 1890CC and 1891CC. There were no 1893CC's in the bag. Other than the 1921 Peace dollars, there were lots of 1924 S and 1926S dollars.



LANNING CHEVROLET COMPANY

P. O. BOX 909

TELEPHONE AT 6-3347-48

CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI 38834

July 3, 1971

Mr. James G. Johnson

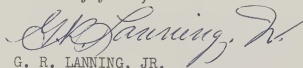
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The other men who ordered the rest of the bags had what amounted to "classic bags" which contained well mixed dates with no extremely valuable coins found, a scattering of CC dollars, and lots of S mints.

I went to the bank today to check on the letters in ONE which you said appeared to be crooked in the pictures. I did not find these letters any more crooked that the 18950 or the 1895S. I believe it must be a distortion in the printing of the negative in my picture. You can check it by looking at the picture of the reverse on the entire coin with a magnifier.

Thanks so much for your keen interest in this coin and if there is any more information I can give you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,



G. R. LANNING, JR.

GRLJR/d



LANNING CHEVROLET COMPANY

P. O. BOX 909

TELEPHONE AT 6-3347-48

CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI 38834

July 10, 1971

Mr. James G. Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I appreciate your continued interest in my coin, and I would be most happy to send it to Eric Newman for his attribution. How much would this cost? I would prefer insuring and mailing this coin rather than going to St. Louis.

I will be away from Corinth the week of July 19th through July 24th, and I could not mail it then, but I can mail it next week or after I come back.

Thank you again for your help and interest.

Very truly yours,

G. R. LANNING, JR.

GRLJR/d

P.S. The tag on the bag was too dirty to read, and no other 1895 coins were found other than this particular one. I got a little confused on what the other men found in their bags; one found a 1893S and another found some Seated Liberty \$'s. The other bags were fairly clean. Mine was stacked in a corner under the rest, or as you said was probably torn and resacked with floor sweepings in it. I have never seen coins as dirty before or since.



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 27, 1971

Mr. G. R. Lanning, Jr.
P.O.Box 909
Corinth, Mississippi 38824

Dear Mr. Lanning:

With respect to the 1895 silver dollar about which you have been in correspondence with Mr. James G. Johnson, of COIN WORLD, I wonder whether you had weighed it and compared that weight with other coins of equal wear. I also presume you have very carefully studied the date on the coin to be sure it was not an alteration in that area. Perhaps if you would get an enlarged picture of a proof 1895 dollar you could check that out as we would have to do if we studied it. If the problem narrows itself down to whether the Mint mark was removed, we would want to use some equipment which is not available to us at this time and for that reason we hesitate to have you send the coin in.

We might suggest that as soon as the American Numismatic Association Certification Service is set up, this would be an appropriate piece to send in.

We wish we could be more helpful at this time.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

CC:
Mr. James G. Johnson
Coin World



LANNING CHEVROLET COMPANY

P. O. BOX 909

TELEPHONE AT 6-3347-48

CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI 38834

August 2, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you so much for your letter of July 27, 1971, concerning my 1895 silver dollar which Mr. James G. Johnson wrote to you about. Thank you also for your suggestions which I am going to follow.

I don't know where I can obtain an enlarged picture of a proof 1895 dollar to compare it to, and if you have any suggestions about the availability of these pictures, I would appreciate your information.

Thank you again for your kind help.

Very truly yours,

G. R. LANNING, JR.
Vice-President

GRLJR/d



WARREN A. LAPP, M.D., F.A.C.S.
731 EAST 22ND STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11210

December 24, 1968

Dear Mr Newman:

This is the only spare copy of
PENNY-WISE, Vol. 2, No 3 which
I can turn up, but your welcome
to it.

Kindest regards.

Warren A Lapp

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 13, 1969

Dr. Warren A. Lapp
731 East 22nd Street
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Dear Dr. Lapp:

Thank you, so much, for sending me the missing copy of PENNY-WISE. You were very thoughtful to undertake this extra kindness. I was away for the Holidays and thus the delay in answering.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/etb

Jeffrey Oliphant

March 4, 1983

Dear *Mr Newman*

The 100th issue of Penny-Wise will be published in January, 1984. To commemorate the occasion, EAC thought it appropriate to honor Dr. Warren Lapp at the upcoming national convention. The event is scheduled for May 6-8, 1983, and will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, at La Guardia Airport, in New York City.

We are planning to present Dr. Lapp with a custom leather-bound set of Penny-Wise. (The final volume will be bound after the 100th issue is published.) We would like to include in the frontpiece to the first volume thoughts from some of our more active members and welcome your letter. If you would like to participate, please: (1) use the enclosed paper; (2) limit your letter to one page; (3) if possible, type your thoughts; and (4) mail your letter flat (do not fold) to John Adams, 55 Court Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108 in the envelope enclosed. PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTER TO JOHN IMMEDIATELY; IT MUST BE RECEIVED BY APPROXIMATELY MARCH 20TH IN ORDER TO BE BOUND.

I believe Dr. and Mrs. Lapp will attend the convention. I have been speaking with Doc regularly, and Mrs. Lapp has been exerting pressure as well. Shortly, I will be sending them airline tickets and hotel reservations.

Of course, a large EAC attendance would be most gratifying. I look forward to seeing you in New York.

Cordially,

Jeffrey Oliphant
Jeffrey Oliphant, President
Early American Coppers, Inc.

9454 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 800
Beverly Hills, California 90212
Phone: (213) 271-5176

P L E A S E K E E P T H I S A S E C R E T ! ! !
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 14, 1983

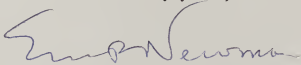
CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. WARREN LAPP

The injection of Penny-Wise into numismatic literature has been a non-destructive stimulating treatment for what ails us. It has broadened the scope and depth of numismatic scholarship; it has stimulated vigorous writing, research and thinking; and it has created a pattern of good fellowship. This, Dr. Warren Lapp has primarily been responsible for and has kept in mint condition.

When Penny-Wise began publication, some readers might have felt that its confinement to the early period of one denomination of one country's coinage had too tight a collar to be broadly effective and, thus, its publication might be Pound-Foolish. They must have been double-struck by its successful circulation and its intrinsic mentallic value. Obversely its studies and topics apply to all numismatics. Although the copper coinage it features may not be classified as specie, the variety of material in the publication is not specious.

It is extremely fine to join in a tribute to the numismatic accomplishments of Warren Lapp with the hope that in the human race there will be many more Lapps to run.

Newmismatically yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Newman", with a stylized, flowing script.

Eric P. Newman

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Phil Lapsansky
Library Company of Philadelphia
1314 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5898

January 11, 1993

Dear Phil:

It has become necessary for me to get further information on Fredrick Meyer (scalemaker of Philadelphia), a subject a subject you kindly looked into for me. Copies of your letters are enclosed.

My notes, from quick research in directories in your office show:

- 1840 (McElroy) - Frederick Myers, scalemaker, 492 N. Second
- 1846 (McElroy) - Frederick Meyer & Co. scale manufacturers, 196 High
- 1848 " - same
- 1850 " - same
- 1853 " - Frederick Meyer & Co. scale manufacturers, 240 High
- 1849 (O'Brien's) - Myer, F & Co. 196 Market St, s side, brass scale mfgs.
- 1853 (O'Brien's) - F. Myer & Co. (brass) 240 Market

I realize the spelling of the name is varied. The individual name changes to a firm name and that has become important. What I would like to know is, What name form and detail is used in the years between 1840 and 1846 or if there are other than the above directories between 1840 and 1853 which list Meyer. It seems that Troemner was first an employee and then a partner of Meyer for a while. Then Troemner took over Myer in 1853 and Myer is no longer listed.

Meyer as an independent scale maker who served the U.S. Mint has loomed in importance and that is why I must try to figure out when his partnership existed with Troemner.

My greetings and thanks,
Eric P. Newman

ts/EPN

Mr. Philip Lapsansky
Library Company of Philadelphia
1314 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5698

April 3, 1996

Dear Phil:

I have the full text on the article on "Coinage" in the Supplement to the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Editions of the Encyclopedia Britannica in volume third (Edinburgh 1824), including plates LXI, LXII, LXIII and LXIV. I believe you have the text so I enclose photocopies of the plates which are marked "coining".

I do not have the text or plates for the second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth edition of any article on Coinage or Coining except for three loose plates CC, CCI and CCII which I cannot readily date. Those plates also include "Old Coining Apparatus used in the Tower" which was vacated about 1810. Some editions, no doubt, repeated articles from prior editions. For what period the Coinage or Coining article ran in the first edition will be helpful to know.

Perhaps you can clear up some of this from your holdings. Then we can search for early editions you may not hold.

I never seem to have an easy problem.

Thanks for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Mr. Philip Lapsansky
Library Company of Philadelphia
1314 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5698

April 25, 1996

Dear Phil:

The coinage article from the Edinburgh encyclopedia is just what I needed. It is different from the other editions and very detailed. It coordinates with the illustrations we have and clears up many matters.

How are you doing on the dating of the broadside. I look forward to your thoughts on that puzzle.

Your friend,

Eric P. Newman

Denise M. Larrabee
Library Company of Philadelphia
1314 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5698

April 1, 1993

Dear Ms. Larrabee:

Thank you so much for being so helpful and finding Moore's Philadelphia Price Current as well as the photocopies relating to the Merchants Coffee House etc.

I have written to a friend to arrange to have the newspaper examined and Pennsylvania Historical Society will do it in due course. I am hoping there is an article in the paper introducing T.M. Moore. I am also hoping there is an advertisement for his counterfeit coin detector. The detector is marked MOORE'S PATENT.

There is no such patent. Moore could possibly have used the term to help sell it. It could have been developed by someone else. His address on the box of the detector is Moore's Price Current, 12 Merchants Exchange.

Thanks again for your exciting find. We will await further developments from the Pennsylvania Historical Society. Then we will locate more detail about T.M. Moore.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

BENNINGTON COLLEGE
BENNINGTON, VERMONT

July 28, 1965

Mr. Eric Newman
P. O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Sir:

Your name has been referred to me from the Numismatic News.
Mr. Nannery answered a request for information on how to proceed with
the disposal of a rare silver dollar.

Enclosed please find a very crude Zerox copy of an impression I
made of the silver dollar by rubbing a pencil over onion skin paper
placed over the coin, and having this impression Zeroxed.

This coin, and many hundreds of others, have been in our family for
over one hundred fifteen years. The collection was started in Paris
over two hundred years ago.

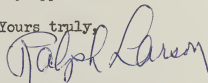
The rightful owners are interested in placing this coin, and all
the others on auction, but are doubtful as to just how to proceed
without ending up losers or with nothing.

I have been asked to do the spade-work, but, since I am an
engineer and not versed in this business, I am seeking advise.

The coins are locked in a safety deposit vault in another state.
The cases are velvet lined, glass topped mahogany, and are in fair
condition considering their age.

Any information you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,



Ralph I. Larson
Director of Physical Plant

RIL:tv
enc.

August 2, 1965

Mr. Ralph I. Larson
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont 05201

Dear Mr. Larson:

Your inquiry of July 28, 1965 is at hand and I am not sure from the Xerox copy of the rubbing whether you purport to have an 1804 Dollar. I would suggest you have a photograph taken of this particular coin and send me a copy of it.

I would also suggest that you send me a list of the coins to see if there are other rare items in the group.

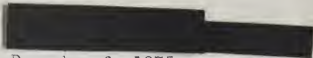
I will then be in a position to advise you with respect to the coins.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb




December 6, 1975

Mr. Eric B. Newman
Edison Brothers
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63102

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Dr. Richard Doty of the American Numismatic Society. I own one (1) ten dollar bill that was issued on July 4, 1804 by the Berkshire Bank of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. It is in excellent condition. Would you have any interest in its purchase and, if so, kindly indicate its approximate value? Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Joel Larus

JL ,ab

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 10, 1975

Mr. Joel Larus ✓


Dear Mr. Larus:

The Berkshire Bank of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, failed and quite a number of its bank notes are outstanding. I do have the \$10 in my collection. The value of the piece is from \$15.00 to \$25.00 at the present time in my opinion.

We hope we have been helpful.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

September

~~November~~ 19, 1986

Mr. Donald E. Lasater, Chairman
Mercantile Bancorporation Inc.
Mercantile Tower
P. O. Box 524
St. Louis, MO 63166

Dear Don:

We just acquired the 1858 broadside offering for sale in New York the bank stock of your earliest predecessor, the Merchants Bank of St. Louis. I am enclosing a photocopy as I know you will enjoy seeing it. I plan to use it in the Museum.

You will note that it states, "The attention of capitalists is called to this as one of the best investments of bank stock in the country."

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

cc: Leigh A. Doxsee
Dick McGee

EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 400 WASHINGTON AVE. MAIL: P.O. BOX 14020, ST. LOUIS, MO. 63178. PHONE 314-444-6000 CABLE: EDBRO

September 30, 1986

ERIC NEWMAN

For your esoteric exonomia file, you may want to include the letter from EPNNES to Don Lasater as an example of error exonomia. The letter was dated November 19, 1986. However, I received my copy on September 22, 1986.

The material itself was very interesting, of course, and I appreciate getting a copy.


BERNARD EDISON

mb

September 22, 1988

Dear Sir,

I am planning to bring approximately seventy sixth graders and parents to St. Louis in late May. We are in the process of deciding where to go once we get to St. Louis. Could you please send me any information you have concerning attractions, group rates, length of tours, and times when you are open. Any pamphlets you have available would also be helpful. Please send it to the address below.

Thanks,

Melissa Glenn

Melissa Glenn
% Lauderdale Middle School
230 Griggs Rd
Ripley, TN 38063



**Mercantile
Money Museum**

Mercantile Tower
Seventh & Washington
St. Louis, Mo. 63101
314-421-1819

October 5, 1988

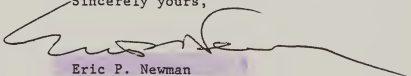
Ms. Melissa Glenn
c/o Lauderdale Middle School
230 Griggs Road
Ripley, TN 38063

Dear Ms. Glenn:

Thank you for your interest in bringing your 6th grade group to see the Mercantile Money Museum in St. Louis next spring. We will be glad to have you. Our hours are 9-4, and we will try to give a special program for you if the time is set in advance and it can be readily worked out. There is no charge for a visit to our museum and we are sure your group will enjoy it.

As to other St. Louis attractions, I am sure you will receive all the material you need from others.

Sincerely yours,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

Robert D. Lawrence
Rt 2 Box 200
Princeton N.J. 24740

Mr. Eric Newman

I am sending you a picture of
a token I have. I have been
trying for a long time to find
out something about this token.
Any information you can give
me will be greatly appreciate

Cordially
Robert D. Lawrence



Je:

Mr. Robert D Lawrence
Rte. 2, Box 200
Princeton, W. Va. 24740

Coin World
THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD

P. O. BOX 150
SIDNEY, OHIO 45367

SUBJECT

FOLD 

DATE

4-17-81

It's hard to tell you much about your St. Louis token, Mr. Lawrence, beyond the fact that it was issued to promote a local post-WW I real estate development project.

I would suggest that you send the pictures of your token to Mr. Eric Newman, 6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63105. He should be able to tell you much more about the piece.

Cordially,

COIN WORLD


Jay Guren

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 11, 1981

Mr. Robert Lawrence
Rt. Box 200
Princeton, WV 24740

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Your inquiry about the token of 1923 is at hand and I will try to be of help. In 1923 the voters of the City of St. Louis went to the polls to authorize \$88,000,000 in bonds for public improvements. Support to pass the bond issue came from many sources and your token is the support of the real estate group who were know as "Realtors". The text on the token should now be readily understood. The rider on horseback is King Louis IX of France who is the symbol of St. Louis and after whom St. Louis was named.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Alvin Laurie



Eric P. Newman
Western Publishing Co. Inc.
1220 Mound Ave. Racine Wis

Dear Sir

Will you please auto-
graph the enclosed
bill?

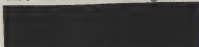
Yours truly
Alvin Laurie

signed &
returned
8/6/79
C 1935 #1
Silver Cert.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 10, 1979

Mr. Bruce C. LaVigne


Dear Mr. LaVigne:

We wish to thank you for your kindness in sending a copy of your Comprehensive Guide to United States Commemorative Coins. We will add it to our library with great pleasure.

In it you have carefully pointed out the refinements in condition and the elements affecting commercial value which can be of great assistance to some collectors.

We hope that your entry into book publishing will be successful and that it will broaden from the commercial into the historical.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 14, 1970

Mr. George Lawrence
Box 177
East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

My brother-in-law, Julian I. Edison, who publishes Mini Books News, told me that you were planning to publish a miniature book in 1971 entitled "Rhode Island Colonial Currency." He also told me that it would have some new material in it.

Since Colonial Currency is a matter to which we have devoted extensive research, we were wondering who was doing the new work for you and whether you needed any illustrations of the pieces which were not available to you. I believe this is the first mini book on numismatics and it could be a very interesting item.

I presume you are familiar with the Writings of Potter, Rider, Bowen, Davis, and my own work, as well as the famous case of Trevett vs. Weeden.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Mr. Julian Edison

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Rhode Island's

Colonial Currency

a min. book to be
pub in 1971 by

George H.M. Lawrence
of East ~~Gr~~ Greenwich
R.I.

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P. O. Box 177
390 FORGE ROAD
EAST GREENWICH, R. I. 02818

4 January 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your kind letter of 14 December written after learning from Julian Edison of my plan to compile copy on Colonial Currency of Rhode Island for a miniature book to be published by the River's Edge Studio.

Our paths have crossed, although there is no reason for you to recall such. Four or five years ago we met at the Hunt Botanical Library re your quest for identification of leaf imprints used by Franklin on some Colonial currency printed by him and his successor. After ten years as Director of HBL, I stepped down this past November to assume a full time research position on the Library's staff, and in a non-resident capacity. Soon thereafter Mrs. Lawrence and I moved back to my ancestral home here in Rhode Island. Currently I continue to edit the Library's publications (working in Pittsburgh one week each month) and am revising a botanical textbook of mine on plant identification.

As to the miniature book project, while I possess a fair collection of Rhode Island currency, not all notes are in uncirculated condition and it is true that I shall be looking for such copies for photographic reproduction. I do possess most of your papers on the subject, including "The early paper money of America" (1967).

If I told Mr. Edison that new material would be in the mini book, I erred. I doubt very much if the notes in my possession will provide new info, or that my search of records at the Rhode Island Historical Society are destined to be that profound.

I do appreciate your interest. Within the physical limits of a mini book, I would welcome any suggestions you may care to offer for features to be covered and would be happy to provide you with an advance draft of the typescript should you care to read it prior to publication.

Very sincerely,

George Lawrence
George H. M. Lawrence

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 14, 1971

Mr. George H. M. Lawrence
P.O. Box 177
East Greenwich, R.I. 02818

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Of course I remember your cooperation with me with respect to "Nature Printing". I did not connect Rhode Island with Pittsburgh.

I have certain new data on the subject which will be published in the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, where I recently lectured on the subject.

I would be glad to be of help if you care to submit the manuscript of your minibook on Rhode Island currency before it is in final form.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/tb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 21, 1969

Mrs. Eileen Lawson
P.O.Box 383
Gardens, Calif. 90247

Dear Mrs. Lawson:

You will recall that at the Los Angeles convention we bought from you three Heath Counterfeit Detectors.

We are very much interested in others you might obtain and any other numismatic books which you have or which come your way. Can you send a list?

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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